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- 1. Following up our discussion at staff meeting on the 15th, here are my thoughts on the external research contract justifications that need some more specification:
 - a. The four PGO projects, although they are individually small, could use some amplification. The Requirements/Resources Relationship in the Evaluation of Response Topics as they are laid out in the text sound just like fishing expeditions. Can you specify for me what kind of product you might actually expect to get from an outside contractor? Is there any relationship between what we are asking for here and what was done in the Rand Study that's just been finished?
 - b. The Long Range Planning Study is also pretty nonspecific.
 - c. The General Support to Research Management contract will have some problems getting funded, but I hope that we can make it more specific than it is at the moment. It reads now like an augmentation of our staff. What we might do is emphasize in the write-up that this would involve calling on people with skills and background that are required for a specific task but not required on the Staff permanently.

 The rest of the studies should be examined be to make sure that we have been as specific as possible, have such strong reactions to them. 	y each but I	of you don't
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